

An Introduction to Ancient Greece

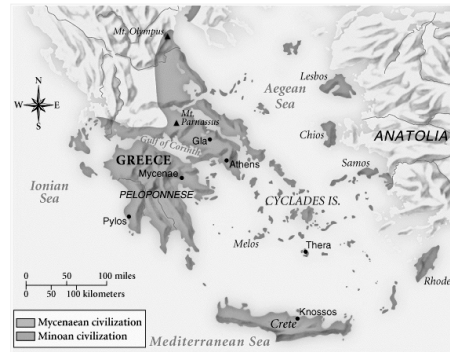


Greek Influences

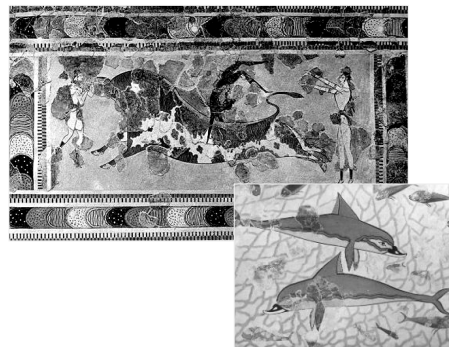
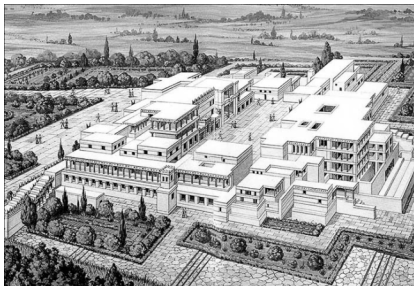
- Birth of Western Civilization - Foundation of European and American ideology built in Greece
- Contributed to language, science, math, government, medicine, art, architecture, and even history!

Greek Timeline

- 2800-2000 BCE - Minoans, lived on the island of Crete. Knossos main city.
- 2000-1200 BCE - Myceneans, attacked Troy
- 1200-800 BCE - Greek "Dark Ages." Dorians invade and settle Greece.

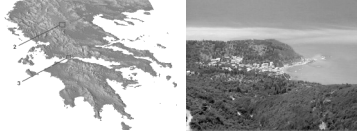


Palace at Knossos



Greek Timeline

- 800-500 BCE - Archaic Age
- Began trading in Mediterranean
- Ad hoc colonies set up throughout region
- Why?



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Classical Age

- 500-323 BCE
- Rise city-states/polis, not unified
- Various government types
- Sparta - (spartan = simple)
 - military state
 - no social distinctions
 - large class of helots

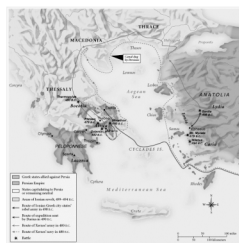
Classical Age

- Athens
 - First gov't based upon democratic principles
 - Citizenship expanded gradually
 - Pericles - Greatest Athenian leader, oversaw many construction projects



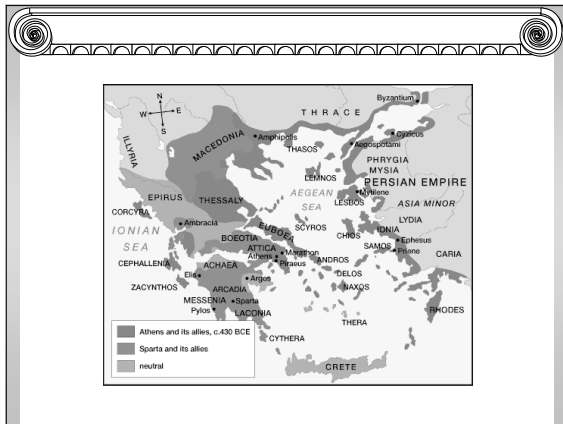
Conflict in Greece

- Persian Wars
 - 490 B.C.E. Darius invades, Battle of Marathon
 - 480 B.C.E. Xerxes invades, Athens burned, but defeat by Athenian navy
- Delian League - controlled by Athens



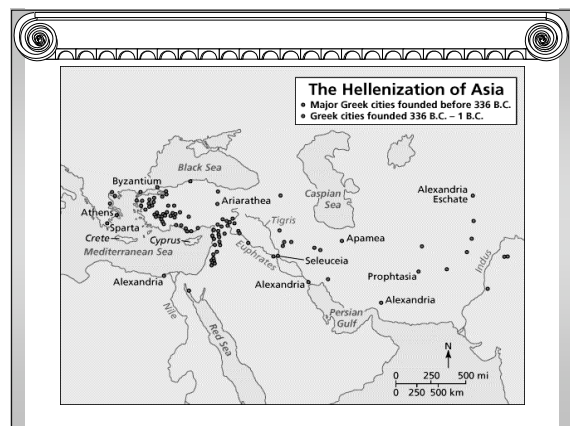
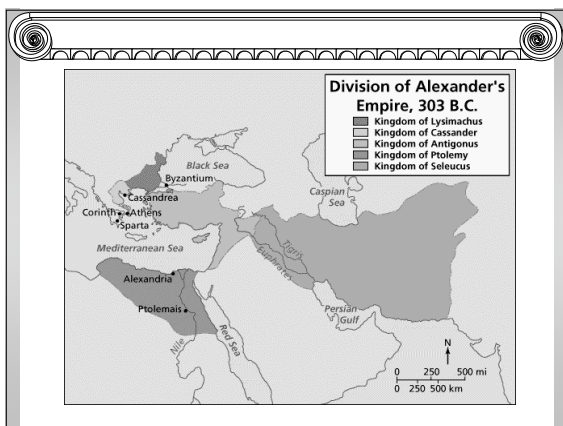
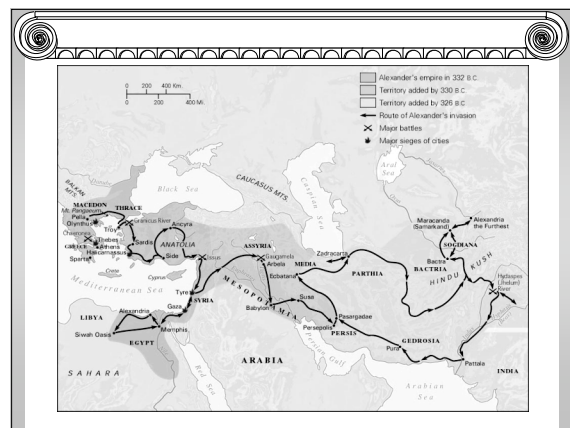
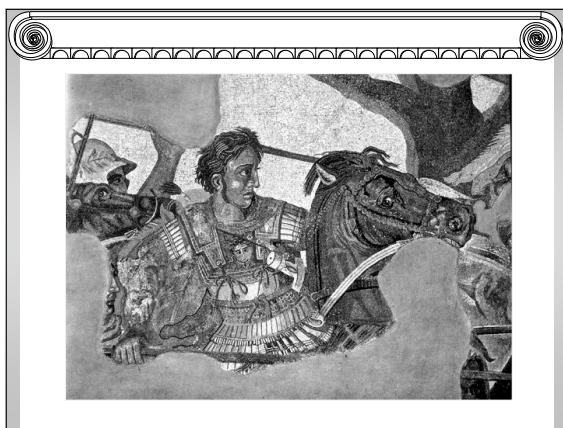
Peloponnesian War

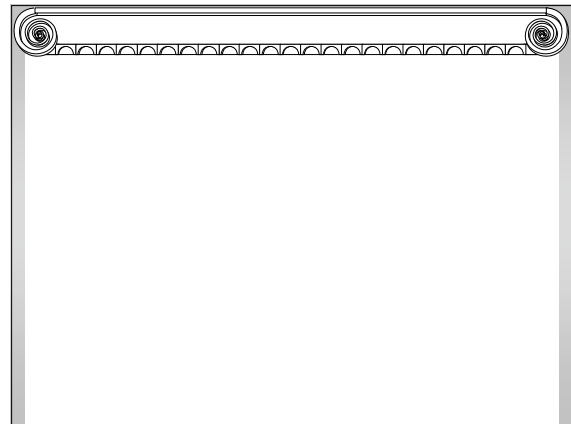
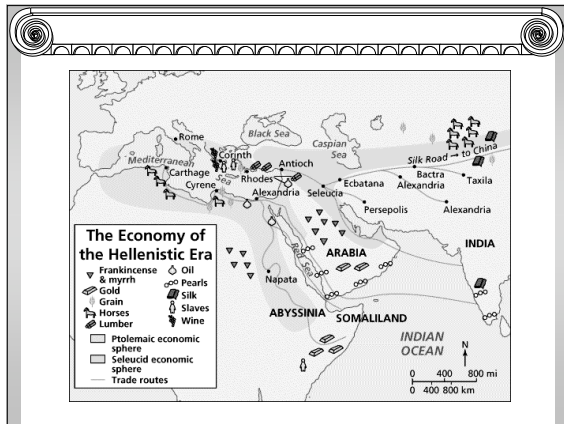
- Resentment towards Delian League, Athens builds
- Athens vs. Sparta
- 431-404 B.C.E.
- Sparta defeats Athens



Hellenistic Age

- 324 - 100 B.C.E.
- Greek culture spreads throughout world
- Begins with Phillip of Macedon, takes Greece - little resistance
- Alexander succeeded Phillip
- Begins massive campaign, builds massive empire
- Connects East to West



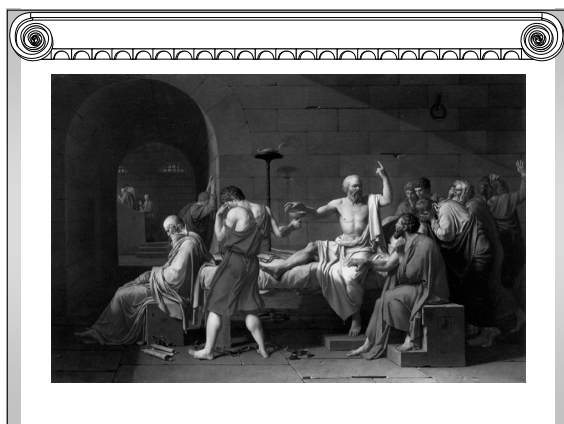


Great Athenian Philosophers

- Socrates
 - Know thyself!
 - question everything
 - only the pursuit of goodness brings happiness.
- Plato
 - The Academy
 - the world of the FORMS
 - The Republic à philosopher-king
- Aristotle
 - the Lyceum
 - "Golden Mean" [everything in moderation]
 - Logic
 - Scientific method.

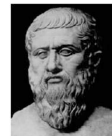
Socrates

- He used the method of rational debate to seek essential definitions of truth, beauty, justice, goodness, and virtue.
- Basic views of western philosophy
- "The unexamined life is not worth living"
- He was executed by his fellow Athenians for impiety and for corrupting the young.



Plato

- Student of Socrates
- The Allegory of the Cave & The Republic
- Disliked democracy (why?)
- Believed men and women should have equal access to positions.



Aristotle

- Student of Plato
- Tutored Alexander the Great
- Good man-good life
- Moderation in all things
- Wrote *Politics* - polis
- Systemization of knowledge
- Theories lasted until the 17th century

